MR. M. O. CHERIYAN (*Devicolam—General*) : Do the Government insure rice to cover transport charges to other places as well?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: Yes.

Supply of electricity in South Travancore.

79. MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR (*Vilavancode—Hindu Nadar*): Will the Honourable Minister for Electricity be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the necessity of supplying electricity in the Southern taluks;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps to supply electricity in the southern taluks; and

(*c*) the time the Government will require for supplying it?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Time required for completing the work is entirely dependent on the availability of materials, but it is expected that the major part of the work will be completed before the end of 1125.

MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: எவ்வளவு காலம் வேண்டிவரும் என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: That will depend on the availability of materials.

MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: வேலை வேறு எதாவது தடங்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா? இல்லையா?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: Yes. Already in Balaramapuram and Neyyattinkara the work is complete and there is a proposal to take up other works in certain parts of South Travancore.

Transport Department.

80. MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: Will the Honourable Minister for Transport be pleased to state:

(*a*) the official duties of the Director of Transport and the Administrative Officer; and

(*b*) the names with the official designations of the officers drawing a salary of Rs. 150 and above in the Transport Department?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) The Director is in general control of the Department and its policy. The Administrative Officer is in Charge of the day to day administration of the Accounts, Traffic, Commercial and personnel in the Department.

(*b*) Messrs N. Ramamurthi—Director of Transport
M. Velu Pillai—Administrative Officer.
T. C. S. Pillai—Automobile Engineer
S. Y. Muthuswami—Chief Accountant.
K. S. Subramonia Iyer—Maintenance Superintendent.
Kurien Thomas—Works Superintendent.
N. Bhaskaran Nair—Operating Superintendent (on special duty.)

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Mr. N. Kunjunni Kurup—District Officer in independent charge of the duties of the Operating Superintendent.

Mr. P. Raghavan Nair—Secretary.

MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: Director, Administrative Officer—இதில் யார் மேல அதிகாரி என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா? (No answer.)

MR. A. ABDUL RAZAAK: May I know how many of these officers are to be sacked due to retrenchment?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: There is no question of sacking any of these officers. Two posts are proposed to be retrenched *viz.*, the Administrative Officer and the Maintenance Superintendent.

MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: பிராமணர், நாயர், ஸிறியன் கத்தோலிக்கர் முதலிய சமுதாயத்தினரல்லாது வேறயாராவது இருக்கிறார்களா?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: That can be seen from the list of names I read out.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Parur II—General*): Sir, is that a supplementary question? I do not find it arises from the main question put down in the order paper.

MR. PRESIDENT: I will find it out.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I am only calling the attention of the President to that aspect.

MR. R. CHELLASWAMI NADAR: பிராமணர், நாயர், சிறியன்கத்தோலிக்கர் அல்லது வேறு சமுதாயத்திலிருந்து அப்பேட்சைகள் வந்திருந்தன்டா? 150 ரூபாய்க்கு மேல்.

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: I claim notice.

MR. A. ABDUL RAZAAK: Are the Government aware that the services of Mr. Ramamurthi have been earmarked for the Province of Madras?

MR. PRESIDENT: That question does not arise.

MR. K. R. ELANKATH: 150 രൂപായ്ക്കുമേൽ ശമ്പളമുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെ ഗവൺമെൻറ് ഡയറക്ടായി നിയമിക്കുകയായിരുന്നോ, അതോ മറ്റ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുകളിൽനിന്ന തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു നിയമിക്കുകയായിരുന്നോ? (No answer)

MR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHA NADAR (*Kalkulam II—Hindu Nadar*): മേലേ ചൊന്ന ഉദ്യോഗങ്ങളിൽ യാരാവതു തമിഴർകൾ ഉണ്ടാ?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: That question cannot be answered except with reference to the facts pointed out already.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Thovala General*): Is it in order for the Hon: Minister to say that the question cannot be answered? Either he should say that he does not know the answer or claim notice. Am I right Mr. President?

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HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: I have already read out the names of the officers and from there could be seen the community to which each officer belongs.

MR. A P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagurpalli II—General*): Are not Mr. Ramamurthi and Mr. Muthuswami Tamilians?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: I think so.

MR. MANNAR GOPALAN NAIR (*Thiruvalla I—General*): മാസ്റ്റരൻ നായരെ സ്പെഷ്യൽഡ്യൂട്ടിയിൽ നിയമിച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞല്ലോ. എന്തു സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഡ്യൂട്ടിയാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ രൂൾസ് റിവൈസ് ചെയ്യുന്നതിനാണ്.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: മി. രാമമൂർത്തിതന്നെയാണൊ ഇപ്പോഴും ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് കമ്മീഷണറായിരിക്കുന്നത്?

MR. PRESIDENT: അതെ.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പേരിൽ പരാതികൾ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കയാണെന്നു കഴിഞ്ഞ സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ പ്രസ്താവിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. എന്നാൽ അന്വേഷണത്തിന്റെ ഫലം എന്തായി എന്നു പറയുമോ? (There was no answe).

Improvement of paddy cultivation in the State.

81. MR. V. O MARKOSE (*Kottayam III—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Agriculture be pleased to State:

(*a*) whether any scientific research has been made by the University department of Research or any Government institution or officer for the improvement of paddy cultivation in the State;

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what is the nature and what is the result of such research or researches;

(*c*) has any research been made with a view to improve the quality of paddy seed towards increasing production; if so what is the result of such research; and

(*d*) has any research been made towards making paddy plants proof against pests; if so, what is the result of such research?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: (*a*) Yes. By the Department of Agriculture at the Paddy Farm, Nagercoil and at the Paddy Breeding Stations at Monkompu and Adoor.

(*b*) and (*c*) To evolve improved high yielding strains of paddy, fourteen improved strains have so far been fixed suitable to different localities.

(*d*) No.

MR. V. O. MARKOSE: May I know whether the people who are doing research are those who have had previous experience?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: Yes.

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